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SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST IN BASC AGAINST PLANNED

ALLIED FLIGHTS TO ZURICH

REF: A. BERLIN 1546, 7 SEPT.

B. BONN 15213 (NOTAL)

1. AT 1200 2 OCT., AT MEETING OF UK, FRENCH, US, AND
SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLERS OF BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTER
(BASC), US CHIEF CONTROLLER READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT
IN REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST (REF A):

BEGIN TEXT: WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR ORAL STATEMENT OF
SEPTEMBER 8, WE ARE INSTRUCTED BY OUR AUTHORITIES TO
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INFORM YOU THAT ALLIED AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO FLY

IN THE AIR CORRIDORS AND BERLIN CONTROL ZONE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH QUADRIPARTITELY-AGREED RULES AND
ESTABLISHED PRACTICES ON FLIGHT PLANS FILED IN THE
BASC AND PASSED TO THE SOVIET ELEMENT FOR ITS INFORMA-
TION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES
TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL SUCH
FLIGHTS IN THE CORRIDORS AND THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE
REGARDLESS OF POINTS OF ORIGIN OR DESTINATION. END TEXT.

2. SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER ACCEPTED STATEMENT AND
SAID HE WOULD RELAY IT TO HIS AUTHORITIES. HE ALSO
RECITED FAMILIAR COMMENT THAT "OBSOLETE" 1945 AGREEMENTS
ON AIR ACCESS TO BERLIN DID NOT ENCOMPASS FLIGHTS
SUCH AS BERLIN-ZURICH. US CHIEF CONTROLLER RESPONDED
THAT THE SCOPE OR INTERPRETATION OF SUCH AGREEMENTS
WAS BEYOND THE COMPETENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE BASC.SELIGMANN

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